

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, as amended, remain herein.

1. Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Sano U.S. Patent 5,982,183.

Sano discloses a probe device with bumps and a resin layer with wiring connected to the bumps for contacting IC pads. In Sano, the probe card, rather than the semiconductor integrated circuit, has wirings which run along a flexible thin film from contacts at one end to bumps at the other. Sano fails to disclose a semiconductor integrated circuit comprising a plurality of wirings electrically connected to pads, wherein the wirings are located for contacting bumps on a probe card, when such a card is located parallel and contiguous to the wirings, but spaced from the pads, as recited in applicants' claim 1. Since Sano fails to disclose every element of applicants' claim 1, Sano is an improper grounds for rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

2. Claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Sano and Shih U.S. Patent 6,286,208. Shih discloses two wires electrically connected to a pad, which pad contacts a bump. First, applicants note that Shih fails to disclose the elements of claim 1, recited above, that Sano lacks. Thus, since claim 2 depends from claim 1, and since Shih and Sano combined fail to recite every element of applicants' claim 1, claim 2 is not obvious over Shih and Sano.

Shih further fails to recite a semiconductor integrated comprising at least two wirings, both of which physically contact one bump [of a probe card], without touching each other. Thus, Sano and Shih, alone or combined, fail to disclose every element of applicants' claim 2. Further, no

teaching in Sano, Shih, or any other prior art of record, provides any reason to combine Sano and Shih to render applicants' claim 2 obvious. For the foregoing reasons, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

3. Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Sano and Shih U.S. Patent 6,286,208. Since claim 3 depends from claims 1 and 2, and since claims 1 and 2 are neither anticipated nor obvious over Sano and Shih, respectively, claim 3 is also not obvious over Sano and Shih. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

4. Claim 4 was rejected over under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Sano, Shih, and Bokamper U.S. Patent Application Publication 2005/0029980. Bokamper discloses an electric drive motor for furniture. A controller for the motor has "separable wire links" or switches. First, applicants' priority date of September 22, 2003 predates Bokamper's publication date. Applicants perfect their claim for priority by submitting herewith a certified English language translation of their Japanese priority application. Thus, Bokamper is not de jure prior art against the present application. Since the Office Action admits that Sano and Shih fail to disclose wirings having separable portions, Sano and Shih fail to render applicants' claim 4 obvious.

Neither Sano nor Shih, nor any other prior art of record provides any reason to combine to Sano and Shih to render applicants' claim 4 obvious. For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

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For all of the foregoing reasons, all claims 1-4 are now fully in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The PTO is hereby authorized to charge or credit any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 19-4293. Should the Examiner deem that any further amendments would be desirable in placing this application in even better condition for issue, he is invited to telephone applicants' undersigned representative.

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